

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116 is warranted because it raises no new issues and places this application in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 remain pending in the application. Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15 and 17-20 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 have been amended

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 have been amended to basically incorporate the Examiner's helpful suggestions and proposed claims included in his November 10, 2004 facsimile. The last paragraph of claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 describes the function of the synchronism pattern detecting position recording means. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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